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## **Israel - Troop Carrier Armored Vehicles**

On 7 September 2004, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Israel of troop carrier armored vehicles as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$99 million.

The Government of Israel has requested a possible sale of 103 Textron troop carrier armored vehicles, testing, spare and repair parts, support equipment, contractor engineering and technical support, and other related elements of program support. The estimated cost is \$99 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a friendly country that has been and continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East.

Israel plans to upgrade its fleet of armored vehicles and requires a smaller, more maneuverable vehicle for use in urban settings. These vehicles were selected after an evaluation of proposals from several manufacturers. Israel, which already has light armored vehicles in its inventory, will have no difficulty absorbing these additional vehicles.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not affect the basic military balance in the region.

The prime contractor will be Textron Corporation of Providence, Rhode Island. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of up to three contractor representatives to Israel for a period of one year or more.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

This notice of a potential sale is required by law; it does not mean that the sale has been concluded.